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Mr. Spencer M. Beresford
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Foreign Operations Administration
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Beresford:

Col. Brown has asked me to acknowledge your letter of January 13th which he was about to answer when obliged to make an unexpected trip to Vienna. Since he will return on Monday, I am sure you may expect a reply next week.

We are very sorry about the oversight in connection with the dissemination of [redacted] reports, and hope that it will not impair MDC relations with CIA. You may rest assured we will abide by the provisions of CA-1786 in the future.

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I am attaching a preliminary draft for the DIRECTIVE. You will want to make many changes, I am sure, but at least it is a starter.

What do you think of assigning code names to the more important diversion cases as they develop, such as the HAMBURG/Gerium? At the height of activity during the Gandini/STATEX operation, it was of considerable use, particularly in making telephone calls, to refer to the diversion as "Operation Pinocchio". If this system were adopted, a brief explanation could also be included in the DRAFT, Paragraph 8.

Best regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Burton

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